

MINUTES FOR LEECHWELL GARDEN ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday 16th December 2015 6pm at the REconomy Centre

PRESENT: David Mitchell (Chair); Shirley Prendergast, David Martin, Keith Rennells

1. APOLOGIES: Jeannette Willington, Marsha Cummings Jim Carfrae, Lu Overy, Susie Boyd, Ed Vidler

2. MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting of the 18th November 2015 were approved.

3. MATTERS ARISING:

There were none.

4. REPLACEMENT OF PLAY STRUCTURE

The entire meeting was spent discussing with Keith the plan for replacing the Play Structure. Though a quorum (3 committee members) was present, no major decisions were taken. Among the matters discussed were:

- a. the possibility of using TotSoc (the Totnes and District Society) as an accountable body to avoid the payment of VAT. TotSoc is a registered charity and Dave has discussed the matter with various members of the TotSoc Committee. Things look hopeful but as yet have not been finalised.
- b. Keith had received a proposed design from Sutcliffe Play and was expecting one from Earthwrights (since received).
- c. Keith had completed most of the application form and intended to submit it early in the following week. He has since heard from SHDC that they are prepared to wait until early January
- d. Dave and Shirley provided various documents to Keith:
 - Accounts for the previous two/three years
 - Letters of support from Grove School and the Rainbow Nursery
 - A "Play in the Leechwell Garden" document written by Shirley
 - The 2010 consultation analysis done by Gill Dunne
- e. It was agreed that we should try to raise £3000-5000 from other sources as well as applying for a £25-30k grant from SHDC. Dave agreed to write again to local councillors asking for £250 each (and more from Totnes Town Council). Keith will be applying to Santander and Shirley has applied to the Totnes Wellbeing Fund for £500. We also discussed using the LGA reserves to add another £1000 or so.

AOB:

There was none.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Association will be on Wednesday 13th January 2016 at the ReEconomy building.

Action: Dave to reserve the room